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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

C94-196B

In the matter of: Carl DeLuca, M.D.

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-37-5.2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, a complaint was filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") alleging Carl DeLuca, M.D., Respondent, violated Section 5-37-5.1.

of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended. An investigation was conducted by Investigating Committee II, so called, of the Board.

Investigating Committee II reported its evaluations and recommendations to the Board. The report was reviewed by the Board and it recommended further action.

The following constitutes the Investigating Committee's Investigative Findings with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

## Investigative Findings

1. The Respondent was the administrator of a local Free Standing Emergency Care Facility. In his role as

administrator he was responsible to provide Board Certified personnel for the delivery of safe and effective emergency care.

- 2. A review of personnel records conducted by the Department of Health, while the Respondent was administrator, noted the lack of appropriate personnel to facilitate the delivery of safe and effective emergency care.
- 3. The investigation revealed that four physician personnel lacked the appropriate Board certification to deliver emergency medical care in a Freestanding Emergency Room as required by Department of Health Rules and Regulations (R23-17-FECF).
- 4. The Board finds the Respondent guilty of a violation of Rhode Island General Laws 5-37-5.1 (24) for violation of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Health.

The parties agree as follows:

- (1) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license No.3512
  - (2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board

and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

- (3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee II of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on respondent until final ratification by the Board.
  - (4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
    - a: The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
    - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
    - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
    - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
    - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
    - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
    - g. Any objection to the fact that this

      Consent Order will be presented to the

      Board for consideration and review;
    - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review

adequately this Consent Order;

- Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- Respondent, the Investigative Committee will recommend to the Board that an Administrative Hearing be scheduled with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct. If the Board approves, a Hearing Committee will be convened for the purpose of conducting the Administrative Hearing. The composition of the Hearing Committee is described by statute. If the Hearing Committee votes in favor of finding the Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct as specified in the charges, the Board shall prepare written finding of fact and law in support of said conclusion. If the accused is found not guilty, the Board shall, forthwith, issue an order dismissing the charges.
- (6) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
- (7) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board. It shall be published as the Board, in its exercise of its discretion, shall determine.
- (8) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further

disciplinary action.

- (9) The Respondent consents to the sanction of a Reprimand.
- (10) The Respondent shall pay an Administrative Fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) Dollars to the Board within sixty days of ratification of this Consent Order.

Signed this 7 day of VAW, 1999.

Carl DeLuca, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on /2 February 1997.

Patricia A. Nolan MD, MPH

Director of Health